REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,307,574 (hereinafter "Ashe").

Claim 1 includes a limitation of storing a graphic file created by a multi-layered type computer program and having a multiple layer structure and launching an application program other than the multi-layered type computer program to access the graphic file. Ashe does not disclose these limitations, and therefore does not anticipate claim 1.

First, Ashe does not disclose storing a graphic file created by a multi-layered type computer program. Ashe discloses a graphical user interface (GUI). The graphical elements of the GUI are created using the program code embedded in the GUI (Col 8, lines 10-14). Therefore, the GUI itself creates the user interface elements of the GUI, and Ashe does not disclose launching an application program *other than* the multi-layered type computer program to access the graphic file, as in claim 1. Rather, the only program used by Ashe is the GUI itself.

Further, Ashe discloses that the GUI includes code to draw the several graphical elements of the GUI (Col. 8, lines 7-33). Since each of these elements is drawn at the time it is displayed (Col. 8, lines 18-21), it cannot be said that the Ashe discloses *storing* a graphic file created by a multi-layered type computer program, since the graphical representation is created and displayed real-time by the GUI.

Independent claims 9, 17, and 25 include limitations similar to those discussed regarding claim 1. Therefore, for the same reasons as discussed above, claims 9, 17, and 25 are not anticipated by Ashe.

Claims 2-8, 10-16, 19-24, and 26-32 depend from the above discussed independent claims and therefore include all the limtations of those independent claims. Since the independent claims are not anticipated by Ashe, claims 2-8, 10-16, 19-24, and 26-32 are also not anticipated by Ashe.
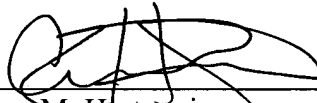
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Arlen Hartounian at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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